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## **Juvenile Justice Advisory Council Minutes of Special Meeting**

Origination Site: Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 208  
Des Moines, IA 50319

February 25, 2014

**Present:** Rita Ferneau, Chair; Jacey Bair-Waddell; Candice Bennett; Christy Burkhart; Wayne Ford; Joel Illian; Margaret Johnson; Jeremy Kaiser; Roy Klobnak; Bill Ocker; Carl Smith; Shauna Soderstrum; David Thompson; Jennifer Tibbetts; Jeralyn Westercamp

**Staff:** Scott Musel; Dave Kuker; Steve Michael; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker

### **I. Call to Order**

Rita Ferneau, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was held via conference call.

### **II. Iowa Task Force for Young Women Position Paper on the Quality and Level of Out-of-Home Care and Treatment for Delinquent and Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) Girls – *Action***

On behalf of the Iowa Task Force for Young Women, Steve Michael and Jennifer Tibbetts reviewed the proposed position paper. The paper supports the recommendations of the governor-appointed Iowa Juvenile Home Protection Task Force and recommends a state training school for girls, plus training and treatment options. The paper focuses on the provision of services and does not address the location or type of facility.

**David Thompson moved to approve the position paper. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

Shauna Soderstrum suggested amending the following item to include special education:

- “Full array of services, including special education, mental health, and substance abuse treatment.

There was consensus to make the change.

**David Thompson moved to approve the position paper as amended, seconded by**

**Carl Smith. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Staff will make the above revision and email the position paper to Council members. A copy of the single-gender environment position paper (approved in 2012) will be included.

Thompson will share the paper with his legislators during an upcoming meeting.

### **III. Unfinished Business**

Michael reported on current legislation regarding the Iowa Juvenile Home. SF2084 passed out of committee last week and was assigned a new number—SF2322. The proposed legislation removes the location of the facility in Toledo and includes two separate, but similar, sections regarding girls and boys state training schools. Similarities include staff training and accreditation, yet addresses gender-responsive services for girls.

### **IV. New Business**

There was no new business.

### **V. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Polk County River Place**

### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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